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The following observations were made at the TASHKENT (41°12'N/  
69°15'E) (Uzbek SSR, Turkestan MD) "SKLAD 28" military  
storage depot, which was in operation during the war

1. Location: On the eastern perimeter of the city, about five thousand feet northeast of the railroad station, in the angle formed by the northeasterly railroad line and the spur track branching to the east, immediately southeast of a large grain silo (see Annex 1).
2. Area: About 2,000 by 2,600 feet, surrounded by a board fence (to be replaced by a brick wall, now under construction).
3. Installations:

Section 1: About 20 buildings, mostly brick, of various sizes, including six warehouses.

Section 2: Eighteen brick warehouses of different sizes, a workshop, a storage site under a lean-to roof, a parking lot for motor vehicles, a weigh-house, a house for guard personnel (under construction), and a railroad spur track leading to the freight station.

4. Guard personnel: An MVD guard unit of about 40 troops, with dogs; an MVD fire brigade.
5. Depot commandant: A Soviet colonel.
6. Labor force:
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60 German PWs  
20 civilian workmen

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Soviet NCO warehouse superintendents  
About 20 Soviet soldiers as drivers  
Loading crews which were furnished by units picking  
up supplies.

7. Stocks: Available storage facilities were stocked to capacity. The following reference numbers correspond to those on Annex 2:

- 1 Warehouse for grain and salt
- 2 Warehouse for medical supplies
- 3 Warehouse for military articles of clothing
- 4 Warehouse for leather shoes and medical equipment
- 5 Warehouse for felt boots, rubber boots, and rubber soles
- 6 Warehouse for musical instruments, radio sets, and clothing
- 7 Ammunition storage house; soap and technical fats stored in the basement
- 8 Parking lot for turned-in motor vehicles
- 9 Carpenter shop (making boxes for shipping purposes)
- 10 Under ground first aid station
- 11 Ammunition test house
- 12 Warehouse for automobile batteries, acids, and small spare parts
- 13 Warehouse for tires
- 14 Warehouse for electrical equipment, wires, and accessories
- 16 Warehouse for butter, fats, and oil
- 15 Warehouse for military ration supplies
- 17 Parking lot for new motor vehicles
- 18 Warehouse for chemical defense equipment, motor vehicle spare parts, and electromotors
- 19 Warehouse for military rations
- 20 Warehouse for paper and printing equipment
- 21 Warehouse for motor vehicle spare parts, electromotors, and charging units
- 22 Under ground storage space for chloride of lime
- 23 Under ground storage space for chloride of lime
- 24 Roofed parking lot for horse-drawn vehicles, field kitchens, ladders, lathes, and tent equipment.
- 25 Warehouse for medical equipment
- 26 Warehouse for medical equipment
- 27 Parking lot for motor vehicles
- 28 Weigh-house
- 29 Workshop with carpentry and forge
- 30 Kitchen
- 31 Warehouse for slate slabs and other building materials
- 32 Warehouse for military ration supplies, including flour, sugar, groats, corn and grits
- 33 Armory
- 34 Sales store for foodstuffs
- 35 Gasoline pump (capacity unknown)
- 36 Administration building
- 37 Clubhouse
- 38 Motor vehicle repair shop
- 39 Telephone exchange; motor pool
- 40 Garage; fire-engine depot
- 41 Guardhouse
- 42 Warehouse for tents and tarpaulins
- 43 Issue point for coal and firewood
- 44 Coal dump
- 45 Shoemaker shop

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- 46 kennels for watchdogs
- 47 tailor shop
- 48 house of depot commandant
- 49 building under construction, to be occupied by guard personnel.

Source reported that harnesses, saddles, German bridge equipment, signal equipment, stoves, and fire clay were also stored in the depot.

8. Outgoing shipments:

- a. Supplies were regularly picked up by the following units:

Officer Candidate School, TASHKENT  
A unit with black-bordered, orange-yellow epaulets  
4 or 5 units with green epaulets  
AVL of TASHKENT  
PW camp  
Hard labor camp  
Prisons

- b. Supplies were regularly dispatched by rail to the following towns:

LENINABAD (41°13'N/69°40'E)  
DECOVAT (40°15'N/69°10'E)  
SATAKHAND (39°38'N/66°45'E)

(Outgoing rail shipments were usually loaded on five or six railroad cars, but sometimes on as many as fifteen railroad cars.)

9. Incoming shipments: The storage depot was regularly restocked. Incoming ammunition shipments were escorted by military personnel. Ammunition for light infantry weapons, heavy mortars, and anti-tank guns was observed arriving.

10. Missions:

- a. Regular supply of all Soviet troop units stationed in the TASHKENT area.

- b. Storage of clothing, equipment, and medical supplies (blocked stocks, not to be issued).

Comment:

- a. The TASHKENT military storage depot "SKLAD 28" (i.e., Depot No 28) was reported for the first time.

- b. The report indicates that the storage depot supplied troops, units, schools, and prisoner camps in TASHKENT and other towns located in that area. The following officer candidate schools are known to be located in TASHKENT:

Lenin Red Banner Red Star Infantry Military School (confirmed up to July 1948).  
Stalin Order of Lenin Military Tank School (confirmed up to April 1949).

AVL units were reported for the first time to be stationed in TASHKENT.

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